

one hundred and twenty-five years, the volunteer fire service has protected the grateful residents of Toms River. Hopefully, in one hundred years from today, another member of Congress representing Toms River will stand here on the floor of the House of Representatives, honoring the Toms River Fire Department No. 1's noble work on their two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary.

On Toms River Fire Department No. 1's anniversary, I extend my best wishes to all the firefighters, former firefighters and their families of the Toms River community.

THE LONG-TERM PROBLEMS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

SPEECH OF

HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Miss RICE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the State of Israel.

Hamas, a terrorist organization, is firing hundreds of rockets and missiles indiscriminately at Israeli civilians. There is no moral justification for these despicable attacks on innocent life.

Israel has every right to defend itself and keep its citizens safe from these attacks.

I want to assure my constituents on Long Island, and all friends of Israel, that the United States stands in staunch support of Israel and unequivocally condemns this Hamas terrorism.

I pray for the innocent Israeli and Palestinian civilians affected by this crisis. And I pray that a cease-fire can be reached.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. JEFFREY SCOTT FRANKEL

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Jeffrey Scott Frankel who passed away on April 3, 2021 in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Frankel was a dedicated community member on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the South Bay of Los Angeles County, who left an indelible mark on the region as a dedicated father, volunteer and school board official.

Mr. Frankel was born on November 24, 1962 in London, Ontario, Canada and was raised in Baldwin, New York. He attended the State University of New York College at Buffalo and had a successful career as a marketing consultant with King World Productions, SharkNinja and other notable brands. In recent years, Mr. Frankel steered his career towards education, scaling back his consultancy and working as an impassioned volunteer for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.

Jeffrey had an undying passion for advocacy, service, and education, and displayed such interests as a member of the Palos Verdes Peninsula School District's Parcel Tax Oversight Committee and the Superintendent Special Education Parent Advisory Group. Jeffrey became interested in education policy as

he supported his daughter, Jillian, who had special needs and was the light of his life. He sought to make a difference in her life along with other students. He made it his mission to ensure that every student, including those with special needs, reached their full potential. Mr. Frankel was elected to the Palos Verdes Peninsula School Board in November 2020 and was a shining example of a community partner who proudly assumed the role of a civic leader and change agent.

Jeffrey loved the Grateful Dead and fast food gave him much delight. He has left an indelible mark on the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, the South Bay community, and to all who knew him. He is survived by his mother, Gloria Frankel, his siblings, Karen Rozen and Mark Frankel, his niece Mindy, his nephews David, Louie, and Kevin, and his beloved daughter, Jillian. For all his success, he will forever be known as a man of generosity, humility, and kindness. May his memory be a blessing.

MAY 6 COMMEMORATION OF REP. JAMES BILBRAY ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ESTABLISHMENT ACT

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I first want to thank the Bureau of Land Management and Friends of Red Rock Canyon for helping facilitate today's event. I also want to thank our guests for joining me in commemorating the 30th anniversary of the designation of Red Rock National Conservation Area. Although we were not able to celebrate on the date it was signed, November 16, because of COVID, I felt it was important to honor the man who introduced legislation to preserve Red Rock Canyon for future generations, Congressman James Bilbray.

Congressman Bilbray served as the Representative for Nevada's First District from 1987–1995. In that role, he led the legislative effort to permanently protect more than 83,000 acres of Red Rock Canyon. On November 16, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed Congressman Bilbray's bill, H.R. 4559, The Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Establishment Act. In 1994, Congressman Bilbray successfully spearheaded an effort to expand the conservation area to more than 176,000 acres to protect Joshua tree and desert tortoise habitat. H.R. 3050, The Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary Expansion, was signed by President Bill Clinton in November of that year.

Congressman Bilbray was ahead of his time. When he introduced legislation to protect Red Rock Canyon, the environmental movement was just in its beginnings in Nevada. It wasn't as easy or as popular to pass this kind of legislation, but he had the vision to know that this area was special and should be preserved for his grandchildren and future generations to enjoy.

Saving this area from development was personal for the Congressman. A lifelong Nevadan, he camped in the area as a Boy Scout

and frequently visited it with his family on picnics and hikes. Red Rock Canyon also holds significant cultural resources for the native Southern Paiute Tribe. Within the canyons exist rock walls with extensive petroglyphs, as well as indications of prehistoric inhabitation, such as shelter caves and agave roasting pits. The area is home to burros, bighorns, and desert tortoises, as well as unique flora. And in contrast to nearby Las Vegas, a town emphasizing entertainment and gaming, Red Rock offers respite and recreation of a different nature. It is because of Congressman Bilbray that Nevadans and visitors from around the globe can enjoy this unique desert landscape, the natural crown jewel of Southern Nevada.

In honor of Congressman Bilbray's public service, a new plaque will be installed at the entrance of the Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center where over 2,000 people enter each day. We will see, know, and get to read about the incredible man who made this possible.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on May 11, 2021, I was unavoidably detained and missed the day's vote. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call Vote 134, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1629, the Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusively Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARTIN'S FAMOUS PASTRY SHOPPE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania for its outstanding leadership and service to our local community and beyond.

Like many Pennsylvania businesses, Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe faced unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these obstacles, Martin's continued its essential work to feed the American people and protect their workers' livelihoods.

Now led by President James "Jim" Martin, this family-owned company was first established as a small bakery in 1968. Since then, it has expanded broadly in both market reach and workforce. Today, Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe employs hardworking Americans in Franklin County and around the country.

Throughout its decades of service, Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe has maintained a clear focus on community outreach and support. Starting with founders Lloyd and Lois Martin, the organization has prioritized community focus. Each year, this company gives back to our Chambersburg community and supports charities in Pennsylvania and around the world.

On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I am honored to recognize Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe for its incredible work

and legacy. It is my privilege to work alongside Jim Martin and his team in our shared service to Franklin County, and I wish them continued success.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD “DICK”
HAMILTON

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard “Dick” Hamilton for his selfless work to honor the memory of our cherished state symbol, the Old Man of the Mountain. His granite resolve has led to this beautiful plaza where you stand today.

Daniel Webster wrote, “Men hang out their signs indicative of their respective trades; shoemakers hang out a gigantic shoe, jewelers a monster watch, and dentists hang out a gold tooth. Now, up in New Hampshire, God almighty has hung out a sign to show that here he makes men.” Dick Hamilton is one of those men.

As we remember May 2, 2003, the day the Old Man gave up his perch on the side of Cannon Mountain, we also salute Dick and countless others who carry on the memory of the Old Man and what he means to the people of the Granite State. I take this time to honor Dick and keep the memory of the Old Man alive.

HONORING GARY NATIVE AND
OSCAR WINNER MIA NEAL

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I congratulate Gary, Indiana, native Mia Neal, and celebrate her noteworthy achievement of winning an Oscar at the 93rd Academy Awards ceremony on April 25, 2021. Presented with the Oscar for Best Makeup and Hairstyling for her work in the film *Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom*, Mia, along with Jamika Wilson, have become the first African American women to win in this category. For this historic and extraordinary accomplishment, Mia is worthy of the highest praise.

Mia attended Horace Mann High School in Gary, where she participated in theater and was a member of the school’s talented dance troop. After graduating in 1997, Mia’s interest in hairstyling and makeup blossomed as she attended Merrillville Beauty College and Columbia College in Chicago before enrolling at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. After graduating from Jackson State University, Mia completed a Professional Internship for Wigs and Makeup at the famed Juilliard School in New York City where she honed her craft. After completing her studies, Mia remained in New York and has amassed an impressive career in her field, designing hair and makeup for many stage productions and feature films.

While Mia has certainly had a successful career, her greatest accomplishment is being

a mother to her son, James G. Deacon. Mia is daughter of Dena Holland Neal, a longtime active community member in Gary and Pastor at Peace United Church in Merrillville, Indiana, and the sister of Nia and Thiamian Neal, as well as the cherished aunt of DeWayne, Jordan, and Karren. Mia’s grandparents, James and Dorothy Holland, also hold deep roots in Gary. James taught at Roosevelt High School for more than fifteen years and served as Gary’s first Deputy Mayor from 1976 to 1988.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing Mia Neal on her historic Oscar award and congratulate her for this outstanding accomplishment. She has made her family, the entire Gary community, and all of Northwest Indiana so very proud.

PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS
ACT

HON. KATHY E. MANNING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Ms. MANNING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in favor of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. As a working mother, this bill is very personal to me.

When I was pregnant with my third child, I experienced premature labor and my doctor ordered me to be on bed rest for ten weeks.

I was fortunate to work for an employer who allowed me to keep my job, work a reduced schedule from home, and continue earning my wages.

After my daughter was born, I was still able to take my full maternity leave to care for her.

Once I returned to the office, I continued to work for that same firm for many years, in part because of the accommodations that were made for me during my pregnancy.

This is an experience that should not be unique to me.

The Pregnant Workers’ Fairness Act will ensure that every person who needs reasonable accommodations during pregnancy will be given those accommodations so they can continue to support their family and contribute to their workplace.

I am proud to cast my vote in favor of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and I urge my colleagues to join me.

Madam Speaker, I also include in the RECORD a letter from the National Education Association.

MAY 11, 2021.

Hon. ROBERT C. SCOTT,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN SCOTT: On behalf of our 3 million members and the 50 million students they serve, we urge you to vote YES on the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (H.R. 1065). Votes on this issue may be included in the NEA Report Card for the 117th Congress.

More than three-quarters of women—half the American workforce and nearly 80 percent of educators—will be pregnant and employed at some point in their lives. Women are important breadwinners in their families, yet all too often, pregnant women are pushed out of their jobs or forced to risk their health to continue earning a paycheck. The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act of 2021 would help by:

Clarifying existing laws and creating a uniform national standard for reasonable accommodations for pregnancy, childbirth, and related conditions;

Providing reasonable accommodations to pregnant women to reduce health risks to them and their babies;

Prohibiting employers from denying a pregnant worker employment opportunities or forcing the worker to take an accommodation that she does not want or need;

Prohibiting employers from forcing a pregnant worker to take leave when another reasonable accommodation could keep her on the job;

Requiring the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to make rules implementing the law, including a list of exemplary accommodations that should be provided unless they pose an undue hardship to employers; and

Addressing this issue through a framework modeled after the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Every pregnant worker should be able to support her family, without risking the health either of herself or her unborn child. H.R. 1065 is crucial to bringing about fairness in the workplace for pregnant workers, and we urge you to vote YES.

Sincerely,

MARC EGAN,
Director of Government Relations,
National Education Association.

HONORING MARY MAGDALENE
WHITEHEAD’S 106TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Mary Magdalene Whitehead’s 106th birthday. Mrs. Whitehead is a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

Mrs. Whitehead is beloved by her community, where she is known as “Big Mom” for her warmth, kindness, and wisdom that she offers children and parents alike. Mrs. Whitehead has babysat generations of children and served as a sounding board for scores of overwhelmed and grateful parents. It is clear to everyone that knows Mrs. Whitehead, that she has made the most of each of her one-hundred and six years.

I wish her the best at achieving this milestone.

HONORING JEFF MILLER AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeff Miller, the retired West Des Moines police officer who is currently walking across the entire state of Iowa in honor of his sister Linda, who passed away from Alzheimer’s disease.

Jeff has been hiking across the state for about a week now in the hopes of raising money and awareness for Alzheimer’s disease. He started his cross-state journey on Saturday the 24th in Akron and plans to follow